

MOST men mean well, but that's as far as it goes with too many of them.

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GOOD weather is encouraging this "clean-up-and-dress-up-week" in Kansas.

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CAN'T USE RAILROAD FOR WEEK AT LEAST

In Meantime Heroic Efforts Made to Supply Troops.

Must Await Perfecting of Mexican Protocol.

ONLY 20 MILES BEHIND VILLA

Rush More Trucks to Border; Now Using 107.

Funston Will Establish Series of Sub-Station.

San Antonio, March 28.—The supply problem continues to overshadow all other matter having to do with the punitive expedition in Mexico. Indications from Washington that railroads will not be made available in the immediate future—at least for a week—came as an unwelcome news to department headquarters early today.

Because of the imperative need for rail lines it had been hoped by officers that officials in Washington would find a way of securing a favorable answer from General Carranza.

With the railroads closed, General Funston faces the big problem of supplying General Pershing's forces for a considerable period by means of motor transportation and wagon trains.

Now 250 Miles in Mexico.

This means he must send great quantities of supplies a distance of 250 miles south of the border in trucks and wagons—through a country that is a barren waste of sand.

In order to meet the situation to the best of his ability he has asked for additional motor trucks. Four companies—a total of 197 trucks—are already in operation and two additional companies will be added as quickly as cars can be purchased and sent to the border.

General Funston is expecting a dispatch today from General Pershing, giving the latest information concerning the pursuit of Villa. According to unofficial reports, American cavalry men are twenty miles behind the fleeing bandit.

His Protocol First.

Washington, March 28.—Administration officials today were taking steps to aid General Funston in overcoming difficulties met with in keeping open a 250 mile supply line to the American forces in Mexico.

Realizing that it may require a week or more to perfect the proposed protocol with the de facto government covering the use of Mexican railways and other matters concerning the international chase for Villa, officials were preparing first to press for prompt disposition of the railroad request as a separate issue, and secondly to send General Funston enough motor vehicles with which to maintain an adequate supply system. It is planned to establish supply depots at intervals along the line of the proposed supply line to be fed by the troops immediately in its rear and the border end of the supply line to maintain constant vigil.

New Base at El Valle.

Carranza's suggestions as to modification and additions to the proposed protocol as well as the proposed supply line are under consideration at the state department today. It was stated that further interchange with the first chief might be required.

In the meantime it is said Carranza desires to delay replying to the request for the use of the railways until the protocol has been agreed to. Latest official reports at advance indicate that General Pershing's advance base is in the region of El Valle, and that Villa, who is reported to have got through the network of Carranza troops, is far to the southward.

FRISCO FATE UP TODAY

Reorganization or Foreclosure To Be Determined by Court.

St. Louis, March 28.—Foreclosure proceedings against the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad company, now in the hands of receivers, were to come before Circuit Judge Sanborn in the federal district court here today.

The suits have been brought by the Guaranty Trust company of New York and the Bankers Trust company of New York, holders of Frisco bonds.

It was expected today's developments would show whether a new reorganization plan is to be submitted to the Missouri public service commission, whether the bondholders would seek reorganization in some other state or whether a foreclosure sale would be forced soon, leaving the stockholders of the old company without preferential interest in the new.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Fair tonight; cloudy and cooler tomorrow.

PLEADS DOUBLE DID IT, WILSON CUTS SENTENCE

Washington, March 28.—President Wilson recognized a plea of a man having a double heart in today's commuted to six months a two-year sentence imposed on Marion W. Rose, a railroad conductor of John Mo. convicted of using the mails to defraud. Rose contended he was convicted on the testimony of a co-conspirator for acts committed not by himself, but by a double heart.

Rose, although convicted nearly two years ago, has not yet begun serving his sentence.

Undertaker Is Already Arter Villa Remains

Field Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, Colonia Dublan, March 26.—By Aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., March 28.—A letter requesting Villa's body has been received by General J. J. Pershing from a Dyerburg, Tenn., firm. The firm advertises that it handled furniture, undertaking, carpets, matting and window shades. The letter reads:

"Dear Sir—Is it possible for us to get the body of Villa if he is killed? We want to hold it in our undertaking department. We will pay a good price for his body, please let us hear from you in regard to the same."

SINK 70,000 TONS

That's U-Boats' Toll of New Raid in Two Weeks.

Empress of Midland, British Ship, Latest Victim.

London, March 28.—Summarizing the work of the Germans since March 15, when their new program of submarine warfare against the entente allied ships began, the Daily Telegraph says the Germans have, in less than a fortnight, sunk 70,000 tons of shipping of which one-third belonged to neutrals.

Casualties from the explosion which damaged the cross channel steamer Sussex are not expected to exceed fifty, the steamer's agent announces.

London, March 28.—Sinking of the British steamship Empress of Midland is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

The steamship Cromer from London arrived last night at Maassluis, Holland with all the crew of the Empress of Midland.

The Empress of Midland, of 2,224 tons gross, sailed from New York January 5 for Cardiff, Wales.

VANDALS RUIN PLANE

Disabled Craft of Lost Airman Slashed and Dismantled When Found.

Columbus, March 28.—Lieut. Edward S. Gorrell, of Baltimore, Maryland, one of the aero corps who arrived here today with dispatches from the front, told the story of his suffering in the desert when he was lost for several days after being forced to land in an inhospitable district in the La Ascension country.

Lieutenant Gorrell reported that when the plane of Lieut. R. H. Willis, rescued 26 miles south of Casas Grandes, had been cut into ribbons. All of the leather and instruments had been removed and the wings were slashed to pieces, leaving the plane worthless. Only the engine was unharmed.

Band Concerts Every Night.

Candy, tobacco and cigars are much in demand by the soldiers at the front. The organizations now in the field with General Pershing's command is accompanied by a band, the five now here giving concerts each night for the comfort of the troops.

Army men here say that the troops now concentrated on the border, more than 600 miles of which is but an imaginary line, are sufficiently strong to protect it properly. A score of water tanks arrived today and chemists will test the water for poison before it is placed in the tank for transportation.

ANDES SUNK RAIDER

New Facts of Battle Gives Credit to Consort of Alcantara.

London, March 28.—The British converted cruiser Andes gets the credit for sinking the German raider Greif in North sea, February 29, according to additional details of the battle published today.

After the British armed merchantman Alcantara had engaged the Greif and had been rendered helpless by a shell which shattered her rudder, one of her consorts, the Andes, appeared and made it impossible for the Greif to escape. Shells swept the deck of the German raider, driving the men from some of her guns. The raider fired several torpedoes which the Andes escaped through skillful handling.

Third Cruiser to Rescue.

While thus engaged, a third British vessel of the light cruiser type, attracted by the sound of firing, appeared on the scene. Although at a great distance, the cruiser had already joined the action, her gunners finding the range and hitting the Greif with remarkable precision.

But the Greif, after the Andes fired and aft and the raider blew up with a terrific explosion, the theory being that she carried large bodies of mines which ignited when the fire reached them. The captain of the light cruiser congratulated the Andes and gave her the credit for sinking the Greif.

TO ABANDON ZEPPELINS

Rome Report Says Germans Will Quit Making Big Aircraft.

Milan, March 28.—News is received from military circles in Rome that Germany intends to diminish her production of Zeppelins, having realized that the idea of conveying large bodies of troops to England is a dangerous illusion and the military value of the Zeppelins is extremely limited. The fact that they can be reached by anti-aircraft guns has caused great disappointment.

There is a strong tendency among technical experts to abandon the construction of Zeppelins altogether, or to limit the number considerably.

HAD BIGGER PLOT

Waite's Murder Campaign Was Greater Than Suspected.

Much Additional Evidence Delays Grand Jury Report.

CONFESSED TO HIS BROTHER

Prisoner Bares Mystery Death of Father-in-Law.

Prosecution Will Not Accept an Insanity Plea.

New York, March 28.—District Attorney Swann announced that he would go to the hospital late today, accompanied by a stenographer and Frank Waite, brother of Dr. Waite. The prisoner was in a very complete frame of mind, his brother declared, and was prepared to make a clean breast of everything.

New York, March 28.—Findings by the grand jury, investigating the case of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite have been delayed by the continuous discovery of new evidence. It may be the end of the week or even later the district attorney said today before the jury reaches a decision. The prosecutor has declared that he is satisfied with all the evidence connecting Waite with the murder of his millionaire father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Efforts are being made now to prove that the young man planned and perhaps executed a more extensive criminal campaign. Reports that Dr. Waite had made a further "confession" to his brother, Frank Waite, are confirmed by the brother, but the latter says that any announcement regarding further revelations made by the accused man must come from the accused man.

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DEFEAT SUFF BILL

Indefinitely Postpone All Suffrage and Prohibition.

House Committee Again "Kills" Cock Robin," 10 to 9.

Washington, March 28.—By a vote of ten to nine the house judiciary committee today voted to postpone indefinitely consideration of all suffrage and prohibition proposals now before it.

Separate votes were not taken on the two questions, despite determined efforts by their supporters. Suffrage leaders expect to continue their fight on the subject of the amendment during the present session and efforts will be made to have suffrage plans introduced in the Republican and Democratic party platforms.

News by Aeroplane.

One of the aeroplane squads which has been daily in between the first base and Columbus, N. M., is now taking the matter written by 15 correspondents who are now following the flying squadron. The planes can make the journey in a very short time.

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Hires Detective to Trail Wife and Lost Her

Minneapolis, Minn., March 28.—Arthur Liljgren, who claims he lost a perfectly good wife because he hired a detective to shadow her, the detective's alleged statement that she needed shadowing, was in court today. He alleges the sleuth gave him false information about his spouse, and that when he released the wife of the things the sleuth told him about, she left him. Arthur's suit for \$25,000 damages against the detective agency is set for trial today.

NEWS BY AIRSHIP

Infantry Sets New Marching Record in Mexico.

Soldiers Eager for News of Willard-Moran Fight.

BY DAMON RUNYON.

In the field in Mexico, March 27 (via aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., March 28).—Some of the infantry with the more advanced flying columns of the punitive expedition have now covered over 180 miles of Mexican roads and are still moving. It is not improbable that before they get through they will have established an American record for long distance infantry operations.

The foot soldiers are in magnificent condition. The cavalrymen of the army are still talking about the 42-hour ride that was made by General Pershing when he brought the cavalry in by way of El Chichila, but the "dough boys" are rapidly establishing a record that will stamp the Americans as greatest of all the world's foot soldiers.

A New Base.

A new base has been established south of the first American base and large quantities of supplies are being hurried to the new point. From this place columns are radiating through the surrounding hills.

It is believed Villa is bearing off to the southeast but just how far he is ahead of the nearest pursuing column is a matter of pure conjecture. It is declared by all who have seen him in his flight that his mounts are unshod and in poor condition and it is known that some of the men and boys of the pursuing column are now learning that the entrance of American troops in Mexico did not mean intervention.

That the bandit chief has some ammunition, as is probable, but the country through which he is now believed to be traveling is known to be devoid of horses and horses he must have.

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A SUICIDE FAKE

Girl Confesses She Bound and Gagged Herself.

Then Set Fire Which Killed Three, Injured Many.

DECLARED MASKED MAN DID IT

Score Injured Jumping From Third Story.

Two Firemen May Die; Hurt Rescuing Inmates.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 28.—That she set fire to her room in an attempt to commit suicide, the flames enveloping an apartment building in Prospect avenue and causing the death of two persons and the serious injury of a score of others, was the substance of a confession which Chief of Detectives Rabshaw says Miss Bessie Reimers, an occupant of the house made to him today.

Miss Reimers was severely injured and a nurse was maintained at her bedside in a hospital until this afternoon when she was removed to police headquarters.

Police Officer "Attack."

Cleveland, Ohio, March 28.—Two unidentified men and one woman, Mrs. Ethel Seaman, were burned to death and a score of persons were injured early today when flames swept through the third floor of the Foster apartments, 117 Prospect avenue.

Police are searching for a masked man who, according to the story told by Miss Bessie Reimer, a waitress, entered her room on the third floor, bound and gagged her and set fire to the building. Most of those injured and killed by jumping from the third floor windows. Of these, Mrs. Albert Melchior, Dwight Emptage and an unnamed person.

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BIG STORE BURNS

Fire at Baltimore Endangered Nine Hundred Girls.

Flames Spreading From Hardware Company Building.

Baltimore, Md., March 28.—Fire, which endangered a whole block of big business houses, broke out on the third floor of Henry Keidel & Co., wholesale hardware establishment, 461 and 497 West German street, this afternoon. Half of the fire department of the city was called out to combat the flames.

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ENLIST INDIANS DRIVE RUSTLERS

General Funston Gets Scouts In Twilight Battle, U. S. Cavalry Rout Bandits.

State Department Advised of Friendly Feeling in Mexico.

Washington, March 28.—State department advices from all parts of Mexico today gave renewed evidence of quiet acquiescence in the pursuit of Villa by American troops.

The governor of Chihuahua has issued a proclamation setting forth the good relations with the United States and explaining the American expedition after the bandits. It urges that no uneasiness be felt by the Mexicans as to the good faith of the United States and counsels loyalty to the Carranza government.

An investigation, announced today that the Carranza government at Madera, and explaining the American expedition after the bandits. It urges that no uneasiness be felt by the Mexicans as to the good faith of the United States and counsels loyalty to the Carranza government.

A dozen Indian chiefs from Arizona are to be enlisted as guides for the American columns in Mexico. Major General Funston has asked for the services of the warriors and Major General Scott, chief of staff, today authorized their employment.

The Indian chiefs are familiar with the Mexican country through which the American troops are pursuing Villa.

Spanish War Vets Will Hold Encampment in September.

Chicago, Ill., March 28.—Approximately 25,000 veterans of the Spanish and Philippine wars will attend the encampment here September 4 to 7, it was announced today.

On the program of the reunion are a competitive drill, maneuvers and a sham battle to be fought by two brigades of the United States "Terriers" and an organization which was formed here recently to "prepare against war."

United States army fliers, having established a base 120 miles south of the Mexican border, today sold Villa, full flight southwest toward the foothills of the Sierras, with the American aircraft in his wake. Mexican residents in the base camps continue to be anxious to see the pursuers news of his route and supplied them with information at record high prices in American money.

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NO MORE NOTE WRITING OVER SHIP DISASTERS

President Assured Congress Will Back Drastic Action.

Cabinet Session Today Discusses Blowing Up Vessels.

CONGRESS SENTIMENT IS SPUR

Not Brakes, as in Recent Armed Merchantman Decree.

Failure to Identify Submarine Won't Retard U. S. Course.

Washington, March 28.—The United States has implied of Germany, through Ambassador Grew, and whether any of its submarines torpedoed the British channel steamer Sussex.